

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 619

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mary Jo Middlebrooks
upon her receipt of the Pro Bono Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mary Jo Middlebrooks, who was recently awarded the Pro Bono Award by the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) for her extraordinary commitment to providing equal access to justice through private attorney involvement with West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the main source of funding for civil legal aid, LSC awards grants to independent, local programs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with West Tennessee Legal Services, Ms. Middlebrooks is Second Vice President of Jackson Business and Professional Women, charter member and Treasurer of the Anne Harris Schneider Chapter of the Lawyers' Association for Women, charter member of the Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women, and past President of the Jackson-Madison County Bar Association and Wes-Tenn Young Lawyers' Association; and

WHEREAS, prior to her opening a law firm in Jackson in 1978, now known as Middlebrooks & Gray, P.A., Mary Jo Middlebrooks served as a Law Clerk for Judge Lloyd Tatum with the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals; and

WHEREAS, a certified Federal Mediator for the Western District of Tennessee, Ms. Middlebrooks concentrates her practice in family law; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo Middlebrooks epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mary Jo Middlebrooks for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mary Jo Middlebrooks for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, applaud her receipt of the Pro Bono Award, and extend to her our best wishes for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.